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Model Home Features PV Back-Up Power System

Boulder, CO-based McStain Enterprises recently announced it has decided to feature a photovoltaic (PV) solar electricity system with back-up power capabilities on its model home in Longmont. McStain said it now offers the Solarsource systems as a standard option on all its new homes.

Solarsource was formed through an unregulated partnership between Golden, CO-based Altair Energy and the Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCCO) which was launched a year ago. The new PV back-up systems will provide power to critical appliances in the event of utility power outages, and will also allow McStain's customers to utilize solar energy for some or even all of their energy needs.

"McStain Enterprises is a green builder with its customers in mind," said Altair Energy president Kirk Stokes. "They are offering a product that makes sense and is a feasible option for homebuyers."

McStain said its 2,100 square-foot model home includes a 1.2-kilowatt PV system which can meet approximately one-third of a family's power needs. During a power outage, the PV system will automatically power one outlet in each room, the refrigerator, kitchen lights and furnace blower. Contact: Kristin Shewfelt, McStain, phone 303-494-5900 extension 104; Jennifer Harrison Lane, Altair Energy, phone 303-277-0025 extension 103